The Bobcat

1954-1955

Dedication

The students of Lake Benton School are ever mindful of the important role the community citizens play in making it possible for our school to function. The burden of responsibility to provide an education for every child or our land rests with the common man whether he be a grocery clerk, bank teller or any other one of many stations in life. Many people come and go from our village each year. They all become acquainted with our school regardless of their length of stay. Whether they are life-long or short-term residents we dedicate our yearbook to them.

--To our "readers"--the people of the Lake Benton community---

for their patience and kindness when the headlines cry a defeat.

for their loyalty and efforts when we ask for support.

for their expressions of graditude when we achieve a victory.

for the little things that mean so much.

This yearbook of 1955 is gratefully dedicated.

School

District No. 1

The first school district was established by the commissions of Lyon County, May 16, 1872. Afterwards, on January 2, 1872 the school district now known as Independent School District No. 1 of Lake Benton was established, this being the first district to organize and hold a school. The first building owned and used as a school house was built on the flat west of the village of Lake Benton by a man named Coole, for a dwelling.

We know but little of this man, but we can form some estimate of his character from the fact that when he left, he left instructions with two of his neighbors that if he did not return, his home should be taken by the school district for a school house. As he did not return this was done, the building being moved to the foot of the hill west of the village of Lake Benton.

In this building was held the first public school in Lincoln County. Miss Diana Wheeler was the first teacher. Jennie Poyns was the last teacher in the log school house.

The next structure was a frame building, built by issuing bonds of the district. It stood where the Episcopal Church now stands. The first teacher in this school was George Durst of Tracy.

School opened in the building on the "flat" in the fall of 1888 with James Ruane as superintendent. The first Graduation exercises were held on June 2, 1893. The class consisted of three members. The first class to complete a four-year high school course was graduated in 1903 and consisted of one member, Bessie Tucker.

The district was organized as an independent district in 1903. Mr. E. A. Tasker served as the first president. In the year 1905 the school was recognized as an accredited high school.

The present fine brick school building, located in the east edge of Lake Benton was completed in 1918.

Superintendent

Principal

Education is a very personal matter. Every pupil must learn for himself. The good student, the average student and the pupil who learns slowly are all entitled to the best possible opportunities for education.

An educational system is more than brick buildings, good administration and interesting and successful extra curricular activities. The farmer of today must be well educated with broad training in many lines. In general, the management of a farm requires more knowledge and executive ability than does the management of the usual village business. The U. S. Chamber of Commerce found out, in a very recent survey, that business had developed to a point of 50 years ahead of education and that science had developed to a place that it has 70 years on education. Education, therefore, must be defined: "to give boys and girls successful experiences in solving the problems which are real to them here and now, thus preparing them to solve future problems." One can see, then, that education is a very personal matter.

Make the most and best of yourself as there is no tragedy like a wasted life--a life failing its true end, and turned to a false end. We at Lake Benton High School, may have aided you, guided you, suggested to you, and above all, may have inspired you; but your true success must come from your own exertions. Your attainment in life will be proportionate to the effort you put forth.

School Board

Mr. Leo Schardin
Mr. Lyle Trautman
Mr. Thomas Kelly
Mr. Floyd Petersen
Mr. Arch Millard
Mr. Oscar Trautman
Supt. Lloyd Thorson

ROW ONE: Miss Herron, First Grade; Mrs. Mathews, Third Grade; Miss Koopman, Seventh Grade, Dramatics; Miss Umland, Home Economics, Vocal Music; Miss Filipi, Second Grade; Mrs. Peterson, Fifth Grade; Mrs. Burge, Fourth Grade; Mrs. Drake, English, Dramatics.

ROW TWO: Mr. Wright, Eighth Grade, Speech; Mr. Collison, Business Education, Publications; Mr. Schmidtke, Industrial Arts, Athletics; Mr. Prunty, Sixth Grade, Elementary Principal; Mr. Hall, Social Studies, Athletics; Mr. Swanson, Agriculture; Mr. Trembley, Science, Instrumenal Music.

Faculty

Our secretary is a five-year girl--four years a student at our high school, one year as a secretary. Miss Kerr is not a stranger to us at Lake Benton. She is, on the contrary, a most familiar figure about our institution. Gail will be found each day at the office of the superintendent skillfully and systematically executing the duties of her position. It is quite well agreed that upon entering the administrative office a most comely and well-mannered personality is there to greet all visitors.

Secretary

Rings

"Today we follow, tomorrow we lead"--Twenty-seven young ladies and gentlemen will be graduating from L.B.H.S. this year. Their school days are over, but they will be long remembered. After four long years of work, merriment and sometimes sadness, these people will take their place in America. The Bobcat wishes each one of his graduates a successful future. At the right are the four students who piloted the seniors through the trials of their last year. President, David Koster; Treasurer, Carol Truckenmiller; Secretary, Mary Jane Anderson; and Vice President, David Evans.

Senior Officers

The trophy below was won at the District 9 tournament. Those taking part were Robert McCaffrey, Earl Klitzke, Byrl Koster, Walt Soderlind, Lloyd Thorson David Koster, Norman Sears, Donald Jackson, Richard Quarton, and Curtis Meyer.

Season Record

Lake Benton----45	Marietta-----59
Lake Benton----69	Ruthton------22
Lake Benton----57	Hendricks----54
Lake Benton----39	Wood Lake----48
Lake Benton----59	Ivanhoe------48
Lake Benton----53	Tyler--------51
Lake Benton----76	Balaton------49
Lake Benton----67	Lynd---------54
Lake Benton----75	Minneota-----58
Lake Benton----63	Verdi--------40
Lake Benton----67	Ivanhoe------43
Lake Benton----76	Russell------56
Lake Benton----65	Cottonwood---50
Lake Benton----74	Balaton------65
Lake Benton----72	Tyler--------56
Lake Benton----61	Russell------46
Lake Benton----61	Lynd---------35
Lake Benton----76	Hendricks----67
Lake Benton----45	Minneota-----50

District 9 Tournament Record

Lake Benton---57	Hanley Falls-55
Lake Benton----59	Milroy-------44
Lake Benton----60	Wood Lake----44

Regional III Tournament Record

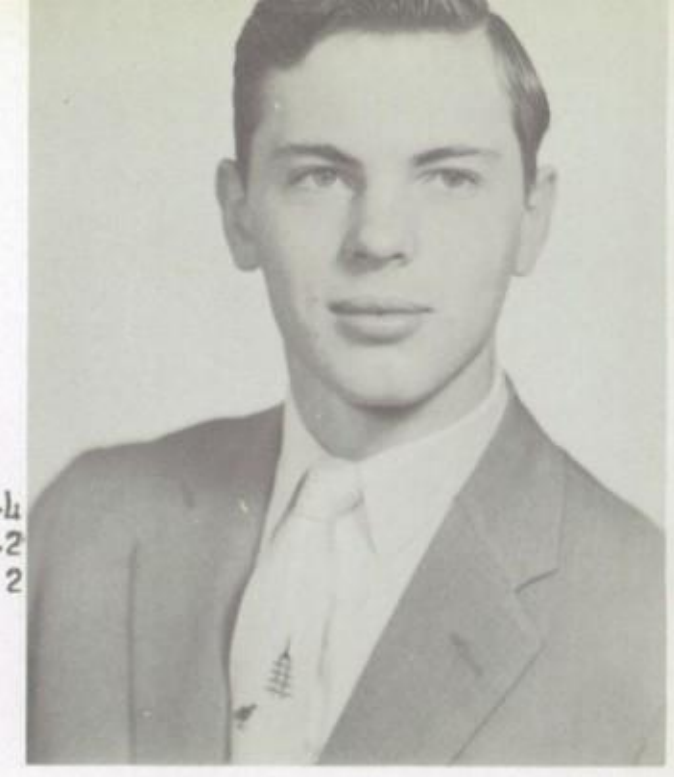
Lake Benton---61	Ortonville---73
Lake Benton----45	Walnut Grove-60

DONNA ANDERSON

Choir	3-4
Paper Staff	3-4

DAVID EVANS

Football	2-3-4
Baseball	1-2
Student Court	2



MARY JANE ANDERSON

Chorus	1-2-4
Class Officer	4
Student Council	2
G.A.A.	2
F.T.A.	4

DONNA BUSHMAN

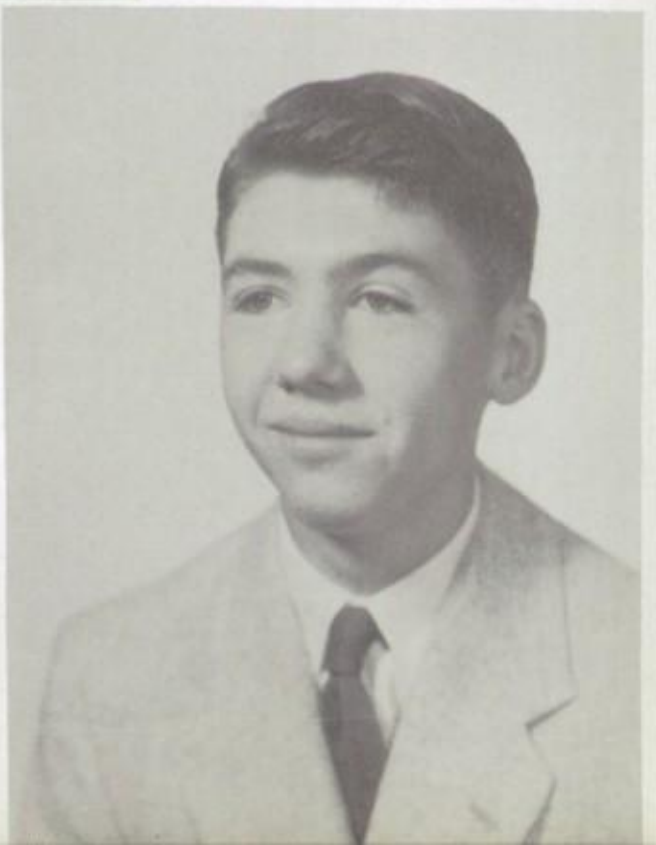
Class Play	3-4
Newspaper Staff	3-4
Class Officer	2
G.A.A.	2
F.T.A.	4

DOUGLAS EDWARDS

Class Play	3
Band	2-3
Choir	3

BRUCE DETERMAN

Band	2-3-4
Football	4
St. Court	2-3



DARLENE HURD

Class Play	3-4
Band	1-2-3-4
Chorus	3-4
Student Council	1-3-4
Octette	4

NORMAN EVERS

RALPH GACKE

Chorus	1-2-3-4
Football	2-3
Octette	3-4
Class Play	4
Class Officer	1-3
Declamation	3-4

EUNICE HANSEN

G.A.A.	2
Class Play	4

RAYMOND HINZ

Band	1-2	Chorus	3-4
Basketball	1	G.A.A.	2

MYRNA JOHNSON

SOPHIA JUNGE

Band	1-2-3-4
Pep Band	2-3
Honor Roll	1-2-3-4
Class Officer	1-2-3
Student Council	1-4
Annual Staff	3-4

BARBARA LUND

Class Play	3
G.A.A.	1-2
Paper Staff	4

MAVIS KLITZKE

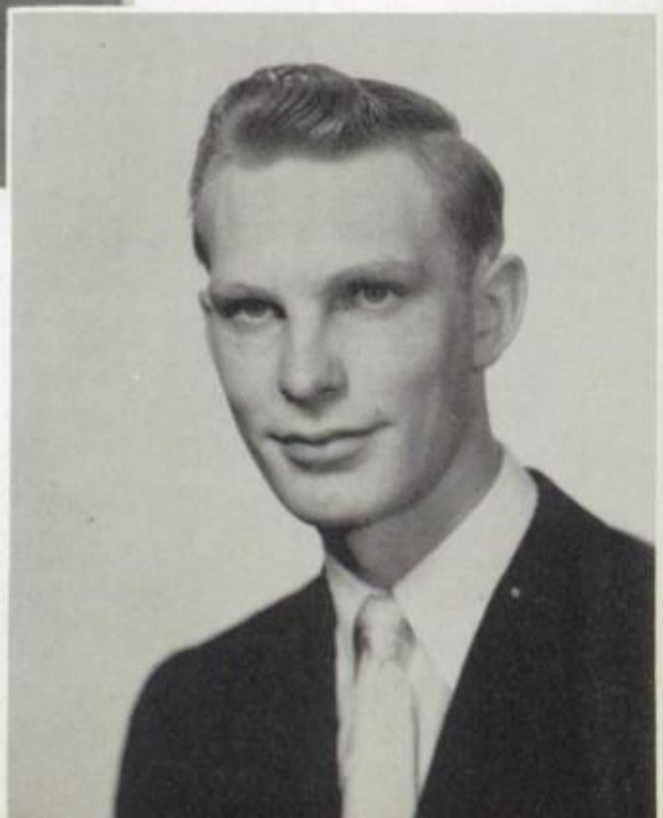
Band	1-2-3
Chorus	1-2-3-4
Cheerleader	1-2-3-4
Class Play	3-4
Triple Trio	4
Declamation	4

DAVID KOSTER

Class Play	3-4
Choir	1-2-3-4
Football	1-2-3-4
Basketball	1-2-3-4
Octette	1-2-3-4
Student Council	1-2-3-4

ROBERT McGAFFREY

Football	1-2-3-4
Basketball	1-2-3-4
Baseball	1-2-3-4
Choir	2-3-4
Class Play	3-4
Vocal Groups	3-4



JERRY KUHN

Football	1-2-3-4
Basketball	1-2-3-4
Baseball	2-3
Track	1-2-3

DARLENE POPMA

Paper Staff	
Class Play	

NORMA NELSON

Class Play	
4	Student Court
4	Paper Staff

WESLEY NIELSEN

Choir

BURDETTE WODTKE

Football	1-2-3-4
Chorus	1-2-3-4
Baseball	1-3-4
Class Play	3
Track	2-3
Octette	4

JANICE PETERSON

Chorus	2-3-4
G.A.A.	2
Class Office	1

JAN PRIES

Class Play	3-4

PATRICIA SORENSON

Choir	1-2-3-4
Class Play	3-4
Newspaper Staff	4

MARLENE TELLINGHUISEN

Band	1-2-3-4
Chorus	1-2-3-4
Majorette	2-3-4
Class Play	4
Newspaper Staff	1-2-4
Student Court	1-2-4

CAROL TRUCKENMILLER

Class Play	4
Choir	1-2-3-4
Triple Trio	1-2-3-4
Declamation	1-2-3-4
Class Officer	3-4
Cheerleader	3-4

The Senior Class of 1955 portrayed the Gay Twenties in their dramatic comedy, Family Circle. Short skirts with middies and nickers with gay top hats took us right back with Cornelia Skinner, (Mavis K.) a dynamic highschool senior who wants to go on the stage instead of going on to college. As the curtain opens Cornelia is practicing Shakespeare for her part in the high school play. Her friends Mab(Patricia S.), Amy(Donna B.), Grace(Darlene P.) and Enid(Carol T.) arrive to give her assistance. They find her sporting a fraternity pin which she claims a rich Princeton man gave her. It turns out she found it, but Mab also finds the owner Charlie(Ralph G.) and a tender romance starts.

Then Enid, the little girl with a eye for men, tries to catch Charlies eye and with William (Bob M.) and two other college men(Norman E. and Jan P.) on the hook she has her hands full. Cornelia is not interested anyhow; she loves the stage more than men. At every opportunity she tries to impress Mrs. and Mr. Skinner(Marlene T. and David K.) with her brilliant acting. It turns out she does too, for her father finds her a job in a summer theater and her dream comes true.

Senior Class Play

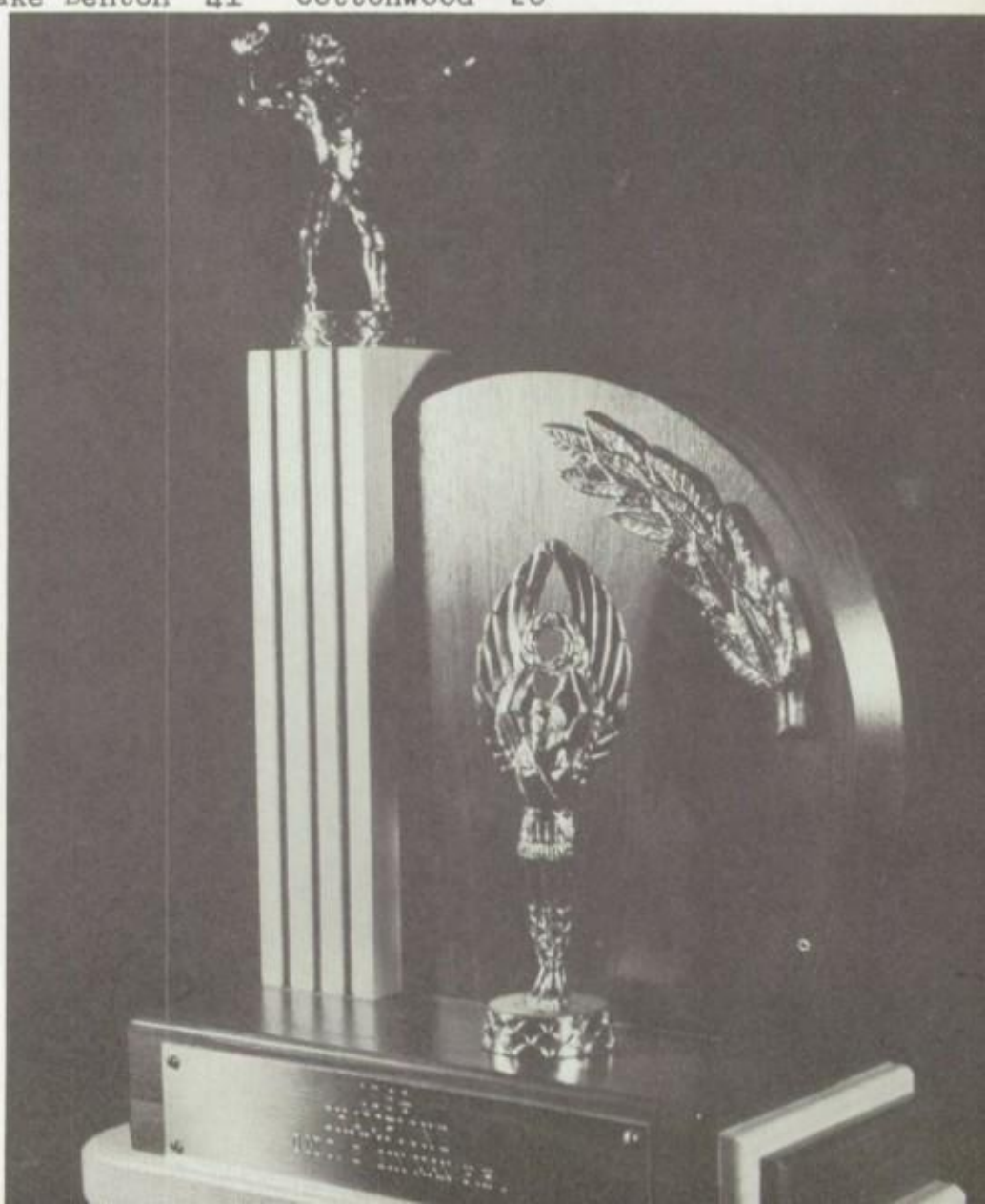
"We're From Benton and Couldn't Be Prouder." Yes, we are extremely proud of our Bobcats. And why shouldn't we be? The District Nine 6-man football championship trophy for 1954 adorns our trophy case along with the championship trophies of the past three years also. In addition, the Bobcats have a twenty-nine game win string--the largest in the state at the present time. The team accomplished these records through teamwork--teamwork on the part of the players, teamwork on the part of the coach, and teamwork on the part of every athletic-minded person of our community. Lake Benton battled Cottonwood for the championship title on the Minneota field on November 3. Robert McCaffrey, a four-year man of football made the All-State selection. Honorable mention was given to Dave Evans, Jerry Kuhn, and Byrl Koster. The Bobcats have been piloted by Mr. Hall during the last two seasons. The 1954 record is listed.

Lake Benton	26	Okabena	6	Lake Benton	41	Tyler	8
Lake Benton	33	Hendricks	0	Lake Benton	31	Ivanhoe	19
Lake Benton	53	Ruthton	31	Lake Benton	12	Minneota	6
Lake Benton	32	Marietta	6	Lake Benton	41	Cottonwood	20

Football

As visitors to our school pass through our halls and fix their gaze on our trophy case, they will see trophies accumulated by the football teams of the last four years for their winning the District Nine 6-man championships. The one shown here is for 1954. Recorded is the contest score and opponent for these games.

1951	Lake Benton	6	Milroy	0
1952	Lake Benton	44	Milroy	30
1953	Lake Benton	63	Cottonwood	31
1954	Lake Benton	41	Cottonwood	20



Homecoming

Homecoming reached its highest point when Carol Truckenmiller and David Koster were crowned king and queen. The coronation is held preceeded by a snake dance, and bonfire but due to the weather a pepfest was held in the gym.

The height of student participation was reached as the classes took over contributing floats and selecting queen candidates. The king candidates were selected from the Letterman's Club.

The parade and snake dance were held on Friday with the Senior class winning first prize on their float.

And the final climax of homecoming was the dance held in the gym with the Letterman's Club as hosts and decorations by the cheerleaders. Carol and David reigned over the festivity.

Coach, team, pep, steam----and what pep these four girls have. At the basketball and football games these four girls were out cheering our team to victory even if they suffered from hoarse throats, sprained ankles and bruises. Our four "A" team cheerleaders are Marlys Rochel, Joyce Determan, Carol Truckenmiller and Mavis Klitkze.

All the girls that wanted to go out for cheerleading tried our in groups in front of the student body. Each group gave two cheers and each girl gave one individually. They were then voted on by the student body and the top four selected were "A" team cheerleaders.

Cheerleaders

"A" Basketball

The basketball squad under the able direction of Mr. Hall assisted by Mr. Schmidtke began this year's season as "just another team". Little did we realize that out of this group of boys who lived with a basketball virtually everday would emerge a championship team. Nevertheless when the District 9 tournament was played, Lake Benton captured its first tournament title since 1943. Not only did the team win this trophy, but in addition, it gave the school a "clean sweep" of athletic championships and trophies--the only time in the history of athletic competion has any school been victorious in capturing all athletic titles was this year by the Bobcats. Both the "A" and "B" squad work together in practice. Through team co-operation and conscientious drilling, the squad gained team balance. Perhaps this one asset was the most contributive to the squads' impressive records.

Perhaps quite a number of us are not aware that there is a trophy awarded the "B" team competitors as well as an award for "A" team competition. Let us not overlook the efforts of the "B" team as they too have a trophy for the Camden Conference championship. Some years ago funds were allotted for a trophy case. This year the case has been completed and now is stationed on second floor where the memorials to the Bobcats of 1954-55 can be reveiwed.

"B" Basketball

The Junior High Basketball squad is also a group of champions. This team swept away all opponents to win the 18th annual Junior-high tournament at Ivanhoe. In addition to being tournament champions, they post a mighty fine season's record with 14 wins against 2 losses. A recapitulation appears below. Mr. Schmidtke's "Kittens" have nailed down 2 championships in the past 3 years. Lake Benton teams have won this trophy a total of 4 times since the tournament's inauguration. Dean, Dale, and Jim Koster were named to the ten-man tournament squad.

Lake Benton	41	Hendricks	23	Lake Benton	34	Russell	26
Lake Benton	43	Tyler	26	Lake Benton	45	Balaton	27
Lake Benton	27	Tyler	25	Lake Benton	54	Hendricks	42
Lake Benton	39	Tyler	25	Lake Benton	21	Ivanhoe	22
Lake Benton	38	Russell	24	Lake Benton	39	Lynd	25
Lake Benton	50	Balaton	29	Lake Benton	43	Tyler	27
Lake Benton	46	Ivanhoe	49	Lake Benton	41	Ivanhoe	27

Jr.-Hi Basketball

Jr.-Hi Football

Here are presented our little Bobkittens. They have not much longer to play Jr-Hi football before they will be our Bobcats. Mr. Schmidtke is the "Kitten" coach. The basic aim of the Kittens is to learn the fundamentals of football while the participants are at an early age. By so doing they will be partially prepared to start the hard grind when they reach the varsity. The Bobkittens play a schedule of games each year. The 1954 calendar is listed below.

Lake Benton	20	Tyler	0	Lake Benton	26	Ivanhoe	0
Lake Benton	38	Russell	22	Lake Benton	42	Hendricks	7

These three girls were responsible for giving the team the support of a good cheering section during their terrific season. They put in long, hard hours in training the student body during pep meetings. Helen Gehrts, Phyllis Hanson and Faye Sears are our "B" team cheerleaders.

"B" Team Cheerleaders

Jr.-Hi Cheerleaders

The Jr-Hi cheerleaders are Gayle Trautman, Marlys Monahan, and Sharon Alexander. These girls did a very fine job in cheering their team to victory during the season. They had their greatest thrill in cheering their team on to victory for the Jr-Hi Championship at Ivanhoe. They put in long hours of work in preparing for their task and did an excellent job.

High School Mixed Choir

A musical organization that people love and enjoy hearing is the sixty member Lake Benton High School Mixed Choir. Miss Phyllis Umland, director of high school vocal music, gives the credit for the outstanding results of the organization to the interest, co-operation, and faithfulness along with creative followship of the individual members. The past years the High School Mixed Choir along with the vocal ensembles and soloists have been continuously participating in the annual regional-state music contests receiving ratings of A's and B's.

The members of the choir are taught the Olympic athletic game slogan. It is hoped that it will remain one of their guiding philisophies of life--"The important thing is not winning but taking part. The essential thing in life is not conquering but fighting well." Outstanding in its program is the annual Yuletide concert of especial beauty and inspiration in which the Junior High Choir and Grade Choir also play a substantial part. This years theme was "The First Noel" with a special backdrop and lighting effects. The choirs are not an end in themselves; choir members are to be found in considerable strength in other musical organizations in the community as well as the school.

Jr.-Hi Choir

Girls' Triple Trio

Several smaller vocal groups furnish program music for various school and community functions adding zest to the musical entertainment. Members of these groups are selected from the personnel of the Lake Benton High School Mixed Choir. Two such groups are the Girls Triple Trio and the Boys Octette.

The repertoire of the various high school vocal organizations is chosen from representative music of all types of the fourteenth century through the modern style.

Above are the Triple Trio members. Row one: Sylvia Herschberger, Carol Truckenmiller, Enid Olson. Row two: Sharon Kelly, Gayle Trautman, Eunice Johnson. Row three: Miss Umland, Mavis Klitkze, Eyvonne Johannsen, Janice Bebensee.

Below are the Boys Octette members. Row one: Lloyd Thorson, Walter Soderlind, Jerry Van Eeckhout, Richard Hurd, Miss Umland. Row two: Ralph Gacke, Robert McCaffrey, David Koster, Norman Evers.

Boys' Octette

Girls' Sextette

More of the vocal music organizations which work consistently and persistently throughout the year are the Girls Sextette and a second Boys Octette. The Girls Sextette with the Girls Triple Trio constitutes the Girls Glee Club while the two Boys Octettes comprised the Boys Glee Club.

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The Child of today, often beset with harmful distractions, needs more than ever before, the high ideals, the development of self-control, the delightful and profitable employment of mind and body which the study of music brings.

Above are the Sextette members. Helen Gehrts, Joan Mathison, Faye Tellinghuisen, Miss Umland, Romelle Trade, Faye Sears, Miriam Luschen.

Below are the second Boys Octette members. Row one: Miss Umland, Donald Sik, Gunther Neuman, James Koster, Leon Knutson. Row two: James Lage, Curtis Meyer, Dale Koster, Del Erickson.

Boys' Octette

The L.B.H.S. concert band began their season early this year when they were invited to give a concert at the Lincoln Co. Fair in August and again a few weeks later at "Plowville."

After that began the many months of preparation necessary for the annual Dist. 9 Band Festival which was held at Marshall in January. The band is very proud of the fact that their director, Mr. Trembley, was elected Pres. of the Dist. 9 Music Assoc. this year.

The band gave a very successful midwinter concert in February and another is planned for spring in conjunction with the choir.

Contest time will see the entrance of several soloists and ensembles this year as well as the full concert band, which received an A in Dist. competition last spring. One of last years band members, Alan Hendrickson, proved to be an inspiration when he won an A rating and was later selected as one of two state musicians to be members of the Ntl. F.F.A. Band which met in Kansas City in October.

Band

The 26-piece junior band is composed of instrumental beginners who must take several months of private lessons before they are capable of joining the ranks of senior band. Advancement depends entirely on skill and adaptability. Many students play in both bands for a year before being issued a uniform and making the jump permanently. Still others take several lessons before even being put in the junior group. A total of 84 students are now taking part in instrumental music at L.B.H.S. through Mr. Trembley.

Majorettes

Providing the frosting for the band during marching season, at football games and basketball half-times were the eight girls who composed the twirling team.

They are known throughout the district for their sparkling uniforms and difficult synchronized team routines.

All wear medals won at the Tri-State Band Festival at Luverne for their baton twirling and flag swinging skill.

They are coached by Mrs. Donald Trembley. Front row: Miriam Luschen, Phyllis Hanson, Marlene Tellinghuisen, Audrey Herschberger. Back row: Faye Tellinghuisen, Marlys Monahan, Marilyn Johnson, Elizabeth Schardin, Gayle Trautman.

Majorette

Gracing the front of this years marching band is Marilyn Johnson, sophmore drum major, who was literally "drafted" into the position. With no previous band experience whatsoever, she spent the summer in the ranks of the band learning the many intricate maneuvers they do. This fall she advanced to the head of the group where she has performed very capably ever since.

The newspaper staff pictured above spends a few hours of their free time composing our school paper. Each six-weeks the publication, which is The Voice of the Bobcat, is presented to the students and school personnel. Experience in typing and laying our of rough drafts is given to nearly every staff member. Special tasks include general management which falls to the editor and assistant editor, and distribution which the business manager assumes responsibility for. The stencil cutting and duplicating operation which is an important factor in publishing the paper is a most worth-while and business-like task which would be very beneficial to any staff member entering the business world.

Newspaper

Annual Staff

Another merit-laden activity of the Publication Department is the compiling of the school annual, The Bobcat. This activity requires considerable planning and thought prior to the actual composition of the book. The prime factor for the annual staff is to plan the work and then work the plan. Work on this project starts in the early part of fall by preparing a "dummy copy" of pictured events. Along with planning and organization, on the part of the staff skillful typing is required in the composition.

Self-government is the principle under which the Student Council works. Through this sixteen-member group, the student body decides the policies which it will follow. It makes the plans for such events as Homecoming and the Carnival, and sets up rules for carrying on parties and dances. However, all decisions must be approved by the school administration. This organization has complete charge of the noon-hour activity program. It buys the equipment and is sponsoring a Student Government Day at which time teaching positions and offices are filled by pupils. To learn the new trends in student government and exchange ideas, four delegates attended the District Convention at Hector, Minnesota on October 26th.

Student Council

Student Court

Justice is the constant desire and effort to render to every person his due. Representing the student body these students have been chosen as the judicial branch in the Lake Benton School government. Four parts make up the entire organization. They are the jury, judge and assistant judges, recording secretary, and faculty advisor. Each upper class elects two members to the jury and the junior high grades have one representative for each class. A recording secretary, judge and assistant judge are chosen by the jury from the student body. In order to retain a efficient jury experienced in handling cases, half of the jury plus the judge and assistant judge are elected for one year period beginning at the end of the second semester. The recording secretary and the remaining part of jury are also elected for one year, this term to begin at the start of the first semester and remain in service until the end of the year. Fortunately, few cases have been presented this year.

The FFA is an organization composed of farm boys who are taking Vocational agriculture. One of the purposes of this organization is to assist in preparing these boys to be good farmers. Many of the activities of the Chapter arise from or are carried out in connection with the class-room work. During the past year the group participated in the Lincoln County Judging Contest with Dennis Tellinghuisen placing as high scorer for the day. The Land Judging team placed 3rd in the FFA contest at Plowville. Donald Jackson had the 3rd highest individual score. The FFA Crops team placed 8th among 24 teams at the District Contest and is again working hard in preparation for this year's contest. The Dairy and General Livestock teams participated in the District contest at Brookings and received some valuable practice. The Dairy team did a good job by placing 7th in 28 teams.

We sent delegates to several District Conferences and Leadership meetings as well as the State FFA Convention. Alan Hendrickson played in both the State and National FFA Bands.

The Chapter set up a fertilizer plot on corn and is contemplating some similar projects this summer.

F.F.A.

F.T.A.

Who dares to teach must never cease to learn. As future teachers of America, the purpose of the determined students pictured above is to learn about teaching opportunities, to cultivate the qualities essential in a good teacher and to foster the development of student teachers and leadership. Electing David Koster as president, the first Lake Benton FTA Club was organized. Carol Truckenmiller acts in the capacity of vice president. The activities and minutes are recorded and kept by Marlene Tellinghuisen, secretary, and Curtis Meyer as treasurer takes care of money angles. In order to gain the viewpoint from the other side of the desk, a very beneficial student teaching plan was put into effect. The conscientious FTA members were put in charge of the grade or class of their choice for a week after observing the tactics of the original teacher for a week. As a service to the school and especially to the seniors, the FTA has planned to organize a library of college catalogues. Certainly this worthy club will continue to remain as one of Lake Benton's prominent organization.

ROW ONE: Keith Lambert, Marian Galbraith, Curtis Meyer, Helen Gehrts, Robert Hinz, Gene Beck, Beverly Giesel, Dennis Pittenger, Marlys Rochel, Leon Knutson.
ROW TWO: Mr. Edwall, Joyce Determan, James Lage, Miriam Luschen, Lloyd Thorson, Larry Nordmeyer, Walter Soderlind, Richard Hurd, Betty Jacques, Dale Schumann, Phyllis Hansen, Miss Umland.
ROW THREE: Connie Petersen, Ronald Kwilinski, Arnold Berthelsen, Norman Sears, Richard Quarton, Byrl Koster, Donald Jackson, Dale Johnson, Andrew Stienberg, Janice Mitchell.

Juniors

CLASS OFFICERS

Walter Soderlind-----President
Lloyd Thorson---Vice President
Marlys Rochel--------Secretary
Curtis Meyer---------Treasurer

ROW ONE: Mildred Giese, Lizabeth Neuman, Beverly Blegen, Robert Mathews, Donald Evers, Sharon Salzman, Joyce Lienen, Annabelle Slight.
ROW TWO: Janice Bebensee, Donna Petersen, Donald Sik, Judy Huebner, Donald Vick, Eyvonne Johannsen, Calvin Meyer, Karen Petersen, Joan Wodtke.
ROW THREE: Mrs. Drake, Susan Meyer, Raymond Galbraith, Joan Mathison, Darrell Beck, Eunice Johnson, Milton Faulds, Delilah Kemnitz, Leo Alexander, Sylvia Herschberger, Darwin Nelson.
ROW FOUR: Ted Vander Poel, Virginia Larson, Lloyd Schumann, Sharon Larson, LeRoy Knudsen, Earl Klitzke, Joan Busselman, Del Erickson, Marilyn Johnson, Rollie Evans.

Sophomores

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ROW THREE: Lowell Dorn, Janice Krause, Lyle Rochel, Marie Christensen, Curtis Charter, Enid Olson, Eugene Stuefen, Eleanor Determan, Dale Koster, Audrey Herschberger.
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Freshman

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Seventh Grade

Eighth Grade

ROW ONE: Margaret Haugen, Dennis Rochel, Larry Johnson, Barry Trautman, Dean Koster, Ronald Wartner, Dale Nelson, Dale Trulock, Ione Grubich.
ROW TWO: Sandra Berger, Bobby Miller, Sharon Alexander, Billy Mathews, Carol Popma, Jaclund Brune, Barbara Steinhoff, Barry Wodtke, Loralee Mathison.
ROW THREE: Betty Krueger, Jimmie Nielsen, Arlene Hanson, Tom Kelly, Sandra Salzman, Larry Kock, Uda Neuman, Allen Koehne, Judith Johnson, John Redlinger, Delores Nelson.

ROW ONE: John Benson, Dennis Berthelson, Faye Prinsen, Irene Johnson, Ann Kelly.
ROW TWO: Warren Meyer, James Krouse, Darrel Stienberg, Connie Schmidtke, Allan Reese, Mrs. Peterson.
ROW THREE: Sylvia Nielsen, James Thorson, Michael Schardin, David Burge, Richard Blegen Larry Mathison.

Fifth Grade

Sixth Grade

ROW ONE: Beverly Haugen, Dennis Porter, James Meyer, Hazel Prinsen, Dale Hurd, Jerry Bushman, LeAnn Nelson.
ROW TWO: Mary Alexander, Gayle Kock, Sheryl Jordahl, Carol Winter, Beverly Krause, Mary Giesel, Mr. Prunty.
ROW THREE: Renee Cassidy, Alice Evers, Raymond Sears, Madelyne Benson, Carol Nelsen, Cornelia Kuhl, Carrel Steinberg.

ROW ONE: Sandra Rochel, Thea Larson, Gary Hurd, Marilyn Evers, Karen Petersen, Katherine Schmidtke, Diane Keech, Diana Miller, James Alexander.
ROW TWO: Gale Iverson, David Schardin, Judy Klitzke, Jane Schardin, Noel Trautman, Larry Thomsen, Leonard Kwilinski, Steven Krause, Mrs. Mathews.
ROW THREE: Stuart Reese, Patricia Barnes, Richard Johnson, Greogory Jordahl, Billy Prinsen, Kent Atzen, Mike Hall, Betty Whipple.

Third Grade

Fourth Grade

ROW ONE: Earl Schulz, Karen Lorenzen, Sharon Noterman, Rosemary Meyer, Linda Gehrts, Marlys Petersen, Rolland Olson, Roger Pike.
ROW TWO: Sharon Koster, Richard Whipple, Joel Trautman, Robert Scharden, Eddie Van Eeckhout, Curtis Moon, Gerald Willert, Mrs. Burge.
ROW THREE: Tommy Williams, Jerald Trautman, Sharon Gilbert, Shiela Schardin, Richard Niemann, Sharon Knudson, Ruth Heubner, Roger Trulock.

ROW ONE: Jerry Huebner, Margo Krick, Ruth Ann Rufener, Shirlee Bressler, Craig Huska, James Whipple.
ROW TWO: Kathy Burge, Danny Williams, George Broding, Mary Alice Geineart, Lou Rene Lahey, Charles Utlee, Frank Thomsen, Victoria Trautman.
ROW THREE: Patty Olson, Steven Millard, John Prinsen, Judy Thomsen, Karen Nelson, David Prosch, Janice Niemann, Carol Giesel.
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ROW ONE: Terry Williams, Billy Williams, Jimmy Kelly, Michaiel Nordmeyer, Dorthy Whipple, Karen Krick, Anita Gieneart.
ROW TWO: Paula Holz, Danny Schulz, Keith Rochel, Calvin Gilbert, Curtis Stromberg, Carol Tirrel, Cynthia Trautman, Cheryle Keech, Eugene Moon.
ROW THREE: Stemen Willert, Lonnie Bressler, Terry Trautman, Catherine Meyer, Rosemary Klitzke, Steven Fehrman, Leslie Jolitz, Jeffrey Stromberg.
ROW FOUR: Gail Nordmeyer, Mary Broding, Sharon Showalter, Vicki Johannsen, Stanley Olson, Dean Fernholz, Steven Noterman, Jimmy Hurd.

Second Grade

Safety Patrol

The School Safety Patrol is made up by students from the elementary grades and is under the direction of Mr. Prunty, elementary principal. Though the group members are young they have taken responsibility seriously. Their duty is one that cannot be measured as lives saved cannot be counted. Pictured from the top of the "L" are: David Burge, Richard Blegen, Larry Mathison, Jerry Bushman, Janice Kuhn, Mary Giesel, Mary Alexander, Carrel Steinberg.

Five busses transport students to Lake Benton from the surrounding rural area. Since 150 students from the rural area represent our school, a close-knit relationship exists between them and local students. Both strive equally well to make the school appear well at all functions both on the local and regional school level.

Bus Drivers

Honor Society

The Lake Benton Chapter of the National Honor Society has been established since 1951. This year four new students were elected as active members. They are Mary Jane Anderson, Marlene Tellinghuisen, Donald Jackson and Curtis Meyer. David Koster is also an active member, being elected last year. The Lake Benton Chapter also has 15 graduate members. The object of this society is to create enthusiasm for scholorship, to stimulate the desire to render service, promote leadership and encourage development of character in students. Members are elected on the basis of scholorship, leadership, service, and character. Each year two of the newly elected members are chosen to take a National Honor Society Test. Scholorships are given to the high ranking students who participate in this test.

Each year the American Legion Auxiliary and the American Legion sponsor a girl and boy to represent the community at Girl's and Boy's State held at the University Campus. The qualifications for election are the student must be in the upper third of their class, scholastically; they must be physically fit; and a junior in the school which they attend. During their stay at the campus the students actually set up their own local and state governments. The staters are divided into two parties which campaign and elect candidates for the state election. After election the legislature and senate met and drew up bills which they try to pass as laws.

This is one of the best ways of teaching citizenship in the world today. It's just to bad more students can't be sent. The members sent last year were Mary Jane Anderson and David Koster. Our members for this year are Phyllis Hanson and Walter Soderlind.

Boys' and Girls' State

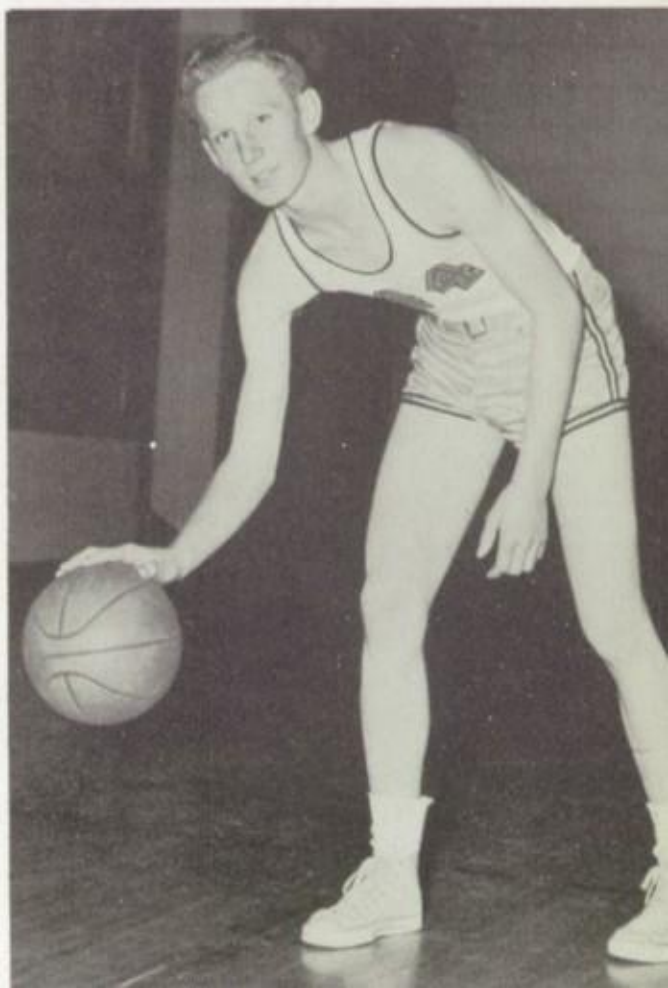
Cafeteria

Two new faces appear among the midst of our school personnel. Mrs. Elmer Anderson and Mrs. Virgil Asjbornson are the masters of the Hot Lunch Department. Judging from the contented look upon the students' faces as they emerge from noon lunch, our kitchen artists do a fine job at supplying vigor and vitamins for our many noon-hungry tummies.

Janitor

Mr. Herman Kock is quite a well-known person about our school. He has been our chief engineer and custodian for the past several years. Our appreciation goes to Mr. Kock for his efforts in keeping our building in cleanliness so that we may have a healthful place to work.

Ardent basketball fans will long remember our team of this year. Two members will be with us no longer. Both Bob and Dave played Jr-Hi ball where they started capturing their fundamentals. In later years Bob played the center spot with Dave taking over a forward position. No one person could be singled from the entire team for outstanding paly. It is quite well agreed, however, that these boys' leaving will leave to big jobs to be filled next year.



Marching Band

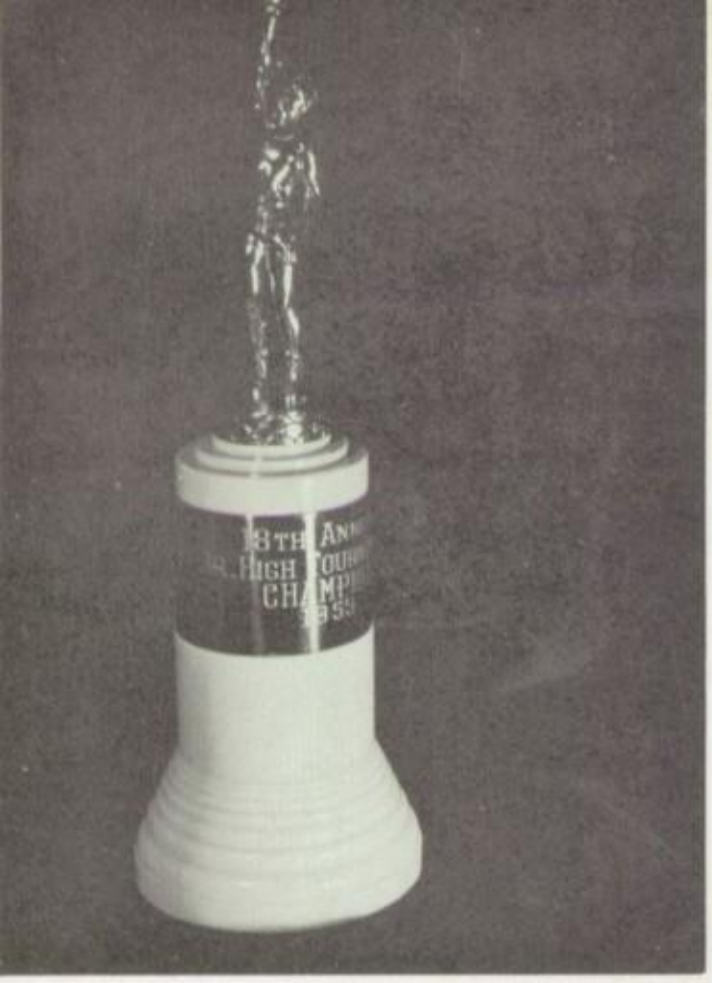
The L.B.H.S. marching band spent a busy summer publicizing Lake Benton's 75th Anniversary Celebration with several out-of-town appearances. Towns visited included Slayton, where they won a trophy as best band in the parade; Jackson, for the District Legion Convention; Pipestone and Elkton, South Dakota.

Local exhibitions included Memorial Day, Saddle Horse Holiday and the 75th Anniversary Parade in July, when they operated a refreshment stand under sponsorship of the Benton Band Boosters Club and earned a trip to Minneapolis via chartered Greyhound to appear in the Aquatennial Night Parade.

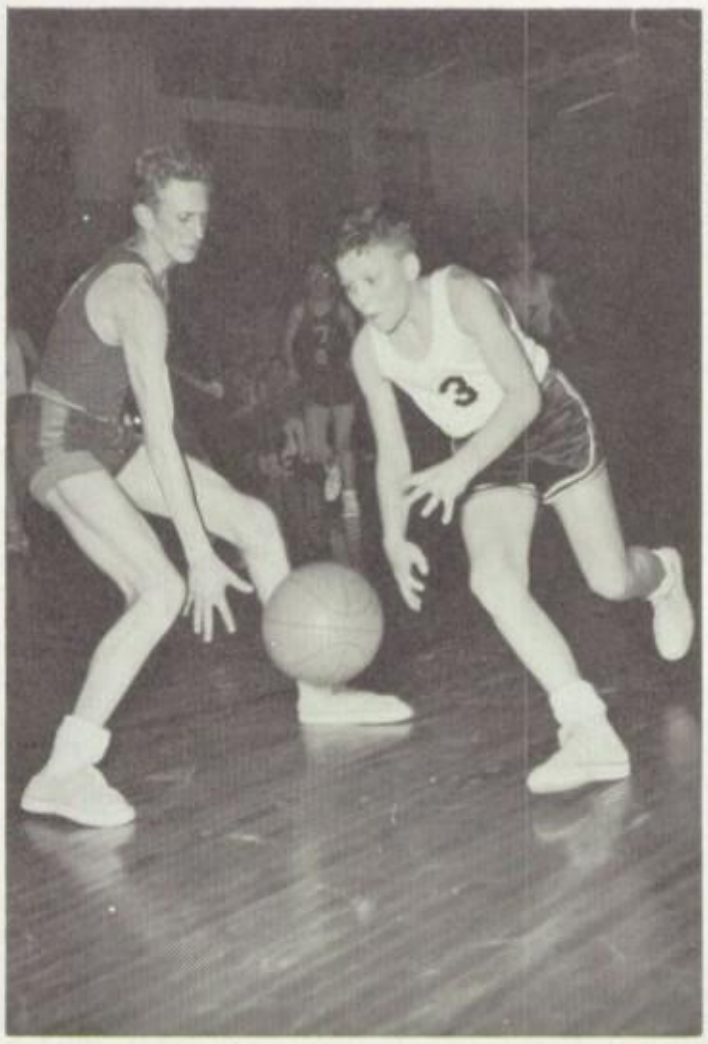
Highlight of the fall marching season was the bands repetition as Class CC marching champion at the Tri-State Band Festival at Luverne for the second year in a row. They also appeared at several home football games, including homecoming.

Winning tournaments is something that cannot be predicted with certainty--that is admitted by all. Neither can one determine how often winning such will occur. Since this true, the staff wishes to record our Jr-Hi tournament victors. This contest also limits the number of participants to any one team. Many others contributed immensely to the team's winning and all are to be congratulated. The squad pictured includes: Front Row, Larry Kock, Eugene Stuefen, Jimmy Koster, Dean Koster, Lowell Dorn, Robert Miller. Back Row, Lyle Rochel, Dale Koster, Roger Nielsen, Howard Schmidtke, Coach; Curtis Charter.

Jr.-Hi Basketball



Never before has such interest in the ranks of Junior High basketball been shown as that which was witnessed this year. No doubt the championship spirit prevailed among this group as it did other athletic groups. Then in addition, the community realized the value in Jr-Hi athletics in preparing young bodies and minds for the heavy chores laid before them when they will make up the varsity squads. The Jr-Hi team occupies the gym for practices and drills two nights a week with Saturday mornings and afternoons for week-end drills. Jr-Hi athletics also provides for the younger boys of the community a clean wholesome recreation program which is at all times under the supervision of the Jr-Hi coach, Mr. Howard Schmidtke. These meetings which start about mid-November provides a goal for young fellows to shoot at all winter long. The Jr-Hi athletic program is favored each year by the sponsoring of a Jr-Hi Invitational Tournament held at Ivanhoe under the direction of Supt. Frisby of the Ivanhoe Public School.



This year witnessed the playing of the 18th annual tournament with 8 teams participating. The Lake Benton team has always entered this contest with a will to win but at the same time not holding winning in itself as the foremost objective. Good sportsmanship, character molding, and other important attributes characteristics in outstanding personalities are the basic points stressed by the Kitten coach. Win or lose, this outing holds social relationship for all students as the prime objective. While the yearbook staff does not intend too single out any certain group from the many students taking part in Jr-Hi basketball it would for a matter of record like to name the tournament team from Lake Benton. James Koster, Dean Koster, Roger Nielsen, Jerry Van Eeckhoudt, Dale Koster, Robert Miller, Larry Kock, Eugene Stufen, Lyle Rochel, Lowell Dorn and Curtis Charter.

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